

Hawaii Holomua

PROGRESS.

The Life of the Land is Established in Righteousness.

HONOLULU, NOV. 11, 1893.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The annexation organs seems to be suffering from mental dilapidation. The Star has given up all hopes of annexation for the present, but believes that a continuance of the Reform Party in power for some years will make all Hawaiians favor the loss of the independence of their country rather than suffer under a missionary rule, and that they consequently will join in a petition to the United States to annex. We expected that the Star editor would not be here a long time before finding out the magnificent (!) qualities of the Reform Party, but we must say that we are somewhat surprised to find him expressing himself so freely as to virtually say that the Hawaiians between the missionaries and annexation stand as between the devil and the deep sea—and will prefer the latter.

But we think that the Star is very much out in its reckoning. Not in regard to annexation, because that question is shelved for good. "The United States will never annex these Islands against the will of the Hawaiian people." But if the Star man believes that the Reform Party will remain in power contrary to the will of the great majority of the voters he is remarkably mistaken. It is puerile to believe that such a state of affairs could last for any length of time. The Provisional Government itself neither desires nor expects to remain in office in its present form, and it has no intention of playing the hazardous game of depriving this nation of the franchise and right to selfgovernment. And we can assure the Star that an election even with a franchise restricted to noble-voters will result in a total defeat of the men now holding office. The Star editor is of course not familiar with the political affairs in this country and his informers in this regard are all men who know only the situation in Honolulu. And even here has the Reform Party been utterly unable to hold its own since 1890. On the other Islands the Reform Party has been able to win the nobles, because they met with very little opposition. The special election on Maui of Mr. W. H. Cornwell last year showed the Reform Party that without the Spreckels' influence they are not "in it" there and the same will be the case on Hawaii. No, the Reform Party will not remain in power for the next four or two or one year.

We have written the above as if the matter would be wholly left to the P. G. without interference from the United States, but we feel quite confident that such will not be the case. The instructions of Minister Willis will beyond doubt regulate the internal political affairs of Hawaii and the P. G. Government

can rest assured that the only form of government which the United States can tolerate and support here will be a free government by the people. To say that the United States cannot interfere and will not interfere in our domestic affairs is all bosh. They did so when John L. Stevens deliberately conspired with traitors against the government to which he was accredited. They did so when Captain Wiltze landed the troops from the Boston against the protest of the constitutional government, and formed them ready for action in front of the Hawaiian government buildings. They did so when J. L. Stevens hoisted the American flag on top of the government building. They did so when J. H. Blount pulled the flag down again. They did so when the President received Paul Neumann as the Queen of Hawaii's Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary, and if they have done it in all these instances what may we ask should prevent them from doing it again and again? If the revolutionists really find a comfort by telling each other that the United States can't do it, and won't do it they are easily satisfied. And we will once more remind them of the words of James H. Blount while here, that "the United States can do anything which is just and will do anything which is right."

The Advertiser contrary to the Star gets up this morning with a hope—even if it seems very faint—that Minister Willis' mission is to make Hawaii a territory with the minister as governor. Poor Advertiser! It really seems to be in a bad way. Two days ago we were going to have a convention and our salvation laid in a stable government loyal to the Hawaiian race which could restore confidence and save the country from the present chaos. To-day the "other" editor evidently is let loose and believes or expects or hopes that we may be a territory with Mr. Willis as governor. Holy Moses! The exhibition of whining, despair and idiocy, which the two annexation organs present, since the arrival of Mr. Willis makes us tired. If they cannot face the issue manly and squarely, why don't they confine themselves to the use of the scissors or to editorials on mosquitoes or President Cleveland's fat?

THE LEGISLATURE AND ANNEXATION.

There has been a rumor floating round town that the Legislature of 1892 was to be called in extra session to vote upon the form of Government for Hawaii nei. This idea evidently originated in the brilliant brains of the present Government who imagine and fondly hope that the 'corruption Committee' of the Reform party could handle the few easily tempted members of that session of barefaced corruption; but they with all their astuteness overlooked the fact that there is a vast difference between voting out a Cabinet and turning traitors to their country and selling the life of their native land and birth rights of their fellow country-men. No the 'Corruption Committee' could not succeed.

A careful analysis of the component elements of that house shows that upon a vote of all the members who could possibly attend thirty two would be solid for Restoration, and, but twelve including several doubtful, for anything else.

The New Rule.

The new rule in the Post Office that the mail for San Francisco closes at 10 o'clock a. m., when the steamer leaves at 12 o'clock, is an outrage on the public. Some silly reason was given about the clerks being busy making up statistics for the International Postal Union, but we fail to see what possible connection there can be between the two affairs. We suppose that statistics have been made up by the Hawaiian Post Office for the Union before, but we are sure that never has it been found necessary to let that work interfere with the ordinary routine of receiving, distributing and closing the mail. The Post Office is not for the convenience of the Postal Union, but is for the sole benefit of the taxpayers who are put to a great deal of inconvenience by the new Postmaster-General's new fangled ideas. Another rule of this accommodating official is that he has forbidden the forwarding of letters through the Steamship Agent's office where heretofore has been placed the so-called late-letter bag. No reason has been given for that step, but the whole business looks, as if the Post Office officials were desirous of scrutinizing all letters leaving this port and need time to do so. But it is only another illustration of the motto of the P. G. of "damn the people."

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or the utterances of our correspondents.]

EDITOR HOLOMUA:—The little diddling daisy of the Advertiser says, the "crumbs of comfort" in the correspondence of President Cleveland are "exceedingly small" for the loyalists. We are sure there are not many crumbs of comfort in that speech for the small clique of Stevens—but big heap of crumbs for the people as a whole. President Cleveland ends his letter thus:

"May God have your excellency in His wise keeping." Which means that hopes are entertained by President Cleveland that his excellency will be wise enough to take his medicine kindly when offered by Minister Willis, without kicking in the traces. Wonder how those "crumbs" will taste to the very much Reverend Sereno?

AU REVOIR.

What's the Matter?

The Portuguese who have been furnished arms and ammunition by the government are requested to meet to-night at 7 p. m. at the residence of a very prominent P. G. man at Punahou. We shall report the proceedings on Monday.

A Kindly Tip.—First Nightir: "What! Every seat taken?" Ticket Seller: "Every one; but don't be discouraged. There will be room enough after the first act. I was at the rehearsal."—Tit Bits.

FOUR OF A KIND.

Isn't this a "Winning" Hand?

H allenbeck...reformed...Drunkard
ammund...reformed...Bigamist
ogan...reformed...Pugilist
owland...reformed...Variety actor

Sensationalism in the Pulpit.

Hardly a month goes by that erratic utterances coined in a moment of impassioned eloquence do not fly from the anvil of an obscure pulpit. In the slavish pursuit of a theme to create a sensation, or, more mildly, to produce a profound impression by its oddity, there is more likelihood of hearing the wrong thing said than the right. No one is oversensitive about the just criticisms of the pulpit, but very few can drown the feeling that much is said at times in a loose fashion for the mere sake of saying something, rather than for the sake of being reasonable and edifying. For the pulpit to deride the press in the hope of affording entertainment to an enlightened audience is decidedly a breach of ethics. The immaculate or infallible nature of the press no one vouches for, but with the desire to look around for some object of weakness, occasionally the clang of some pulpit hammer is heard in the country, and the discourse gets notoriety through the agency it aims to condemn. This sort of thing appears with wonderful regularity. It makes its ripple and subsides into its periodical silence. Once the pulpit gave all the news of the day. The tables are now turned and the press is responsible for that. Both these agencies can and do generally work together for good. That they are doing this more than ever is a growing conviction and a ready answer to imprudent attacks.

Ministers made by the press and abetted by sensationalism must have some reason to regret these occasional trials for mis-calculation upon their personal conduct. Innocence is established by prevention, and yet there is an after-result of all these trials, largely sensational in their tone and associations, and it is the intense popularity of the one who has escaped these flames. Two pulpit orators of New York went through this kind of apprenticeship for fame, but being men of renown and strong individuality, they easily weathered the trial and established their position in people's confidence. Sensationalism, no matter how developed, and what excuse it may fondle, is a vitiated air for the pulpit to exist in. It certainly does give rise to imaginary faults, and has been known to magnify the description of many evils beyond unlawful diameters; it does make some purely pessimistic, and suffers them to turn their gatling gun of rhetoric upon quarters where there is much to admire and grow proud of, and really nothing to hit.—(Boston Transcript).

A Good Nerve for Shaving.

A warder, who had been very successful in controlling criminals in more than one penal institution, once had a prisoner confined under his control who said that he would kill him at the first opportunity. The warder said nothing, but the

next afternoon, when he had an hour's leisure, sent for the man. "Bill," let us call him, found the warder stropping his razor. "Oh, Bill, is that you?" he exclaimed. "Well, never mind, can you shave?"

The man replied that he had often shaved his companions. "All right; suppose I see what kind of barber you are."

With that he took a seat in his chair, handed the criminal the razor, and was shaved. Bill went faithfully through his duty, and when he had finished the warder said, "They told me you were watching for a chance to kill me, so I thought I would give you as good a chance as you could ask for; that was all."

Bill slunk sheepishly away, and from thence the warder had no firmer friend than the desperate criminal.—Tit Bits

Nothing to Brag About.

Bluff: "I am a self-made man, sir. I began life as a barefooted boy."

Jenkins: "Indeed! Well, I wasn't born with slippers on, either."

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